

Disproportionate Minority Confinement in Iowa: Detailed Data for 1998-2002

The table below presents the number of youth detained for the years 1998-2002 in the 25 counties in Iowa with an index* over 1.0 for the five year average and a minority youth population of at least 5.9 percent for ages 10-17 from the 2000 U.S. Census data.

Table 1: Minority Youth Confinement by County

County	Census 2000 Population Ages 10-17			1998-2002		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Total Youth Pop	Minority Youth Pop	% Minority Youth	% Minority Youth Detained	Index	% Minority Youth Detained	Index	% Minority Youth Detained	Index	% Minority Youth Detained	Index	% Minority Youth Detained	Index	% Minority Youth Detained	Index
Polk	41,135	7,208	17.5%	37.8%	2.2	40.6%	2.3	40.9%	2.3	35.2%	2.0	35.9%	2.0	37.7%	2.2
Linn	20,992	1,848	8.8%	29.3%	3.3	33.4%	3.8	32.5%	3.7	29.0%	3.3	27.0%	3.1	26.2%	3.0
Scott	19,488	3,508	18.0%	50.8%	2.8	54.8%	3.0	50.6%	2.8	46.4%	2.6	59.6%	3.3	43.2%	2.4
Black Hawk	13,604	2,428	17.8%	49.7%	2.8	53.9%	3.0	49.6%	2.8	56.3%	3.2	50.4%	2.8	37.9%	2.1
Woodbury	12,386	2,512	20.3%	43.7%	2.2	39.5%	1.9	45.7%	2.3	38.6%	1.9	46.2%	2.3	49.6%	2.4
Pottawattamie	10,722	704	6.6%	13.1%	2.0	14.3%	2.2	12.0%	1.8	15.0%	2.3	14.8%	2.3	8.3%	1.3
Johnson	9,653	1,212	12.6%	36.2%	2.9	45.9%	3.7	30.7%	2.4	32.2%	2.6	30.0%	2.4	44.5%	3.5
Story	7,023	627	8.9%	26.0%	2.9	19.6%	2.2	27.1%	3.0	37.0%	4.1	16.7%	1.9	28.9%	3.2
Clinton	6,161	378	6.1%	21.5%	3.5	37.0%	6.0	11.4%	1.9	21.9%	3.6	18.2%	3.0	9.5%	1.6
Cerro Gordo	5,244	438	8.4%	14.4%	1.7	5.6%	0.7	15.7%	1.9	13.3%	1.6	15.4%	1.8	25.0%	3.0
Muscatine	5,112	978	19.1%	39.9%	2.1	44.0%	2.3	40.0%	2.1	20.0%	1.0	49.3%	2.6	36.0%	1.9
Dallas	4,931	412	8.4%	14.6%	1.7	0.0%	0.0	26.1%	3.1	3.8%	0.5	15.4%	1.8	22.7%	2.7
Des Moines	4,782	473	9.9%	20.4%	2.1	15.2%	1.5	19.0%	1.9	25.6%	2.6	15.2%	1.5	33.3%	3.4
Marshall	4,639	691	14.9%	29.8%	2.0	25.0%	1.7	30.6%	2.1	38.2%	2.6	26.8%	1.8	27.3%	1.8
Webster	4,614	435	9.4%	23.3%	2.5	30.2%	3.2	23.1%	2.4	17.9%	1.9	20.5%	2.2	25.5%	2.7
Lee	4,504	334	7.4%	8.6%	1.2	8.5%	1.1	11.8%	1.6	11.2%	1.5	7.0%	0.9	5.6%	0.7
Wapello	3,914	258	6.6%	8.3%	1.3	4.7%	0.7	11.5%	1.8	5.3%	0.8	8.9%	1.3	11.6%	1.8
Buena Vista	2,539	535	21.1%	58.1%	2.8	57.4%	2.7	65.5%	3.1	66.2%	3.1	51.8%	2.5	46.9%	2.2
Washington	2,486	147	5.9%	29.2%	4.9	50.0%	8.5	28.6%	4.8	18.8%	3.2	0.0%	0.0	20.0%	3.4
Tama	2,251	350	15.5%	49.1%	3.2	51.1%	3.3	47.2%	3.0	39.3%	2.5	53.1%	3.4	54.2%	3.5
Crawford	2,245	262	11.7%	40.0%	3.4	37.5%	3.2	41.2%	3.5	50.0%	4.3	33.3%	2.9	42.9%	3.7
Hamilton	1,995	122	6.1%	18.5%	3.0	9.3%	1.5	25.0%	4.1	18.5%	3.0	32.6%	5.3	3.6%	0.6
Louisa	1,566	245	15.6%	33.3%	2.1	36.4%	2.3	0.0%	0.0	26.7%	1.7	50.0%	3.2	58.8%	3.8
Franklin	1,291	95	7.4%	20.6%	2.8	27.8%	3.8	29.4%	4.0	10.0%	1.4	18.2%	2.5	0.0%	0.0
Taylor	833	49	5.9%	16.7%	2.8	50.0%	8.5	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	12.5%	2.1	20.0%	3.4
State Total	342,622	31,492	9.2%	29.4%	3.2	30.7%	3.3	30.0%	3.3	27.9%	3.0	29.2%	3.2	28.9%	3.1

* An index of 1.0 indicates that the proportion of minority youth in detention is equal to the proportion of minority youth in the population.

According to the U.S. Census 2000, there are 342,622 youth in Iowa between the at risk ages of 10 to 17 years old of which 31,492 were minority youth (9.2 percent). The data are listed by size of the county's youth population of 10 to 17 year olds. The index shows the ratio of minority youth detained to the minority youth population in that county. On average, counties across the state of Iowa have a DMC index of 3.2. Of the 22,155 juvenile arrests in Iowa in 2000, 3,092 (14 percent) were minority youth. Of the 5,294 juvenile detention holds in Iowa in 2000, 1,476 (27.9 percent) were minority youth. Of those confined at the state training schools and adult jails, 25 and 48 percent were minority youth respectively. Minority youth are over-represented in confinement in Iowa. Our goal is to reduce Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC).